

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Work Group Monthly Report

Work Group Name: Provider Education

Work Group Leader Dr. Gale Burstein

Work Group Chair: Dr. Gale Burstein. CO Chair: Dr. Paul Updike

Work Group Meeting Schedule: (E-C Fire Training Academy-dates/location subject to change)
Tentatively scheduled for 8/1/2016 @10 AM. April conference calls: 4/14/16, 4/28/16.

Summary of meetings/Activities:

- Dr. Burstein announced approval by EC Legislature of 24/7 Crisis Services opioid addictions treatment referral hotline, and additional funding for 2 ECDOH Public Health educator positions. (Narcan Community Education, and NYSDOH reporting).
- Dr. Burstein spoke with Dr. John Notaro from Buffalo Medical Group about interested in buprenorphine MAT recruitment. Discussed possibility for either Dr. Burstein or Dr. Updike to speak @ Buffalo Medical Group quarterly meeting.
- Suboxone training update: required 4 hour online course prior to on-site training. Dr. Updike will contact attendees upon completion.
- Judy Feld(IHA) organized 5/6/16 Pharmacy sub-committee meeting. Goal is discuss better prescribing practices and address provider MAT authorization concerns. Dr. Burstein in discussion with NYSDOH and BCBS Massachusetts for guidance to approach potential insurance policies to limit reimbursement for high levels of opioid prescribing for acute pain management.
- Sub-committee formed by Drs. Updike, Whitney, and Hall to develop acute pain management guidelines.

- Dr Burstein working with Boston Childrens Hospital addictions specialist to develop proposal to fund training for local Pediatric/Adolescent buprenorphine management.
- Dr Burstein and Dr. Allan Lesse UBMB project goal: EHR data evaluation prescribing practices, and analysis. Contact UB Peter Elkin.